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# The Banner.

L. HARPER, Editor and Proprietor.  
Official Paper of the County.

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.  
THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1887.

The Blaine syndicate failed to secure the Chicago Times.

The Republicans are for free whisky but high taxed food and clothing.

The Report of Secretary of War Endicott makes twelve closely printed columns of Union type.

Gen. Phil. Sheridan is now coming to the front as a possible Republican candidate for President in 1888.

It should never be forgotten that Ohio's Republican Senator, John Sherman, voted in 1883 to reduce the tariff on wool.

While boring an artesian well at Fairview, near Santa Ana, Cal., last week, natural gas was struck in large quantities.

The great car-works of the United States Rolling-Stock company are to be removed from Urbana, Ohio, to Decatur, Ala.

Some more startling devil-operations are promised soon in the Fidelity Bank case. Harper is to be taken from the Pen. to Cincinnati to tell the whole story.

In the conviction of Bank thieves and murderers goes on in this way, another big penitentiary will have to be built pretty soon.

Hon. HUGH O'BRIEN (Dem.) has been re-elected Mayor of Boston by a majority of 1,755. He maintains his well-deserved popularity.

The brave and patriotic General Thomas Killey Smith, died in New York on the 14th inst. He was a firm and unwavering Democrat.

Word comes from Albany, N. Y., that Ex-Secretary Daniel Manning has had a relapse and is now critically ill, but slight hope of recovery.

JUROR THURMAN has consented to assist in the prosecution of the men indicted for forging election tally-sheets.—The trial commences January 7.

Mrs. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, the wealthy philanthropist, died in New York last week, greatly lamented by people of all classes. Her funeral was very large.

SATURDAY last, December 17, was the post-Whitaker's birthday, and the event was appropriately celebrated by his admiring friends in many places.

BEN BUTTERWORTH, Congressman from Cincinnati, is seriously ill of typhoid fever in Washington, caused by the unhealthy location of his residence.

Hon. S. P. ROBERTS, proprietor of the Omaha Republican and late Government Printer at Washington, died in Omaha on Saturday, of pneumonia, after ten days illness.

The Edgar Thompson Steel Works at Braddock, near Pittsburgh, were closed on Saturday for an indefinite period, throwing several thousand men out of employment.

TARIFF for protection.

Tariff for revenue.

Blaine has now his "eyes set" on the White House, and the indications are that the Republicans will be forced to make him their candidate. We hope they will.

E. L. HARPER, the Fidelity Bank wreck, has been assigned to a position as clerk to Secretary Clements in the penitentiary, with light and agreeable labor.

Since the late election we fail to find any reference in a Republican newspaper to that awful "rebel flag" business, that was used as a scarecrow during the campaign.

Word comes from Southern Kansas that the Oklahoma boomers are making arrangements for another raid in the Spring. This will give employment to our idle soldier boys.

The Republican politicians in Pennsylvania laid a scheme to induce the State Grange to condemn President Cleveland's Message, for political effect. It did not succeed.

A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg, Dec. 19 states that an attempt was made on that day to assassinate the Czar. Beyond the fact that he was wounded no other particulars are given.

ANOTHER Irish member of Parliament, Mr. Sheehy, tried under the "crimes act," has been found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

The old historic town of St. Augustine, Fla., had a \$125,000 fire last Thursday, which destroyed many of the old landmarks, rendering the venerable town less attractive to tourists.

GROVER CLEVELAND ought to be ashamed to look an American sheep in the face.—*Massachusetts News*. Substitute Sherman for Cleveland and your paragraph will have some point.

There will be general regret all over the country at the reported serious illness of Mr. Powderly, who has done more than any living man to better the condition of the laboring classes.

The people of Minnesota, without regard to party, are so well pleased with the President's Message, that it seems almost certain that he will secure the electoral vote of that State in 1888.

SENATOR CULLOM, of Illinois, fancies that because he is a homely man, and resembles the late Abraham Lincoln, that therefore he will be an available Republican candidate for President.

Gov. BOWEN, of Maine, died at Hallowell, Dec. 12th, of congestion of the lungs, resulting from exposure and overwork. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis of the heart.

APPOINTMENT Clerk Higgins, who has probably received more Republican abuse than any man living, announces that he will resign. This will leave the poor Republicans without an "issue."

Will Republican Congressmen dare to ignore the pledge made by them at last National Convention to reduce the revenue and lower the tax-tariff on the people? We will soon see.

An explosion of natural gas took place in the mines at Trail, B. C., of Cambridge, on Monday, killing one Hungarian instantly and severely burning three others. Three hundred men who were in the mine at the time made their escape.

An eighty-horse-power boiler, in the Edison Electric Company's Works at Westchester, Pa., exploded on Friday last, killing five persons and seriously injuring several others. A little girl was crushed to death by a falling beam. Many houses in the neighborhood were destroyed. The works are a complete wreck.

JOSEPH KNIGHT, who has been a book-keeper with the Manufacturers National Bank at Philadelphia for thirty-five years, is charged with stealing between \$60,000 and \$70,000 from that institution. He is now about sixty years of age, and has been regarded as an honest man until this discovery was made.

CHARLES KENTON, of Kenton, assaulted Mrs. Callie Childs with a dirk knife, early Friday morning, stabbing her to death. He also inflicted several wounds on his sister-in-law, who was trying to save her daughter. He gave himself up and was put in jail.

The Prince of Wales and his Danish wife will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage on the 10th of March next. It will be a royal silver wedding, and probably America will be honored on the occasion in the person of the Prince's favorite, "Prof." John L. Sullivan.

A DESTRUCTIVE blizzard visited the town of Crescent, ten miles north of Los Angeles, Cal., on the 15th. Much damage was done, and a hotel with 16 inmates, was blown down, killing Mrs. Clementina Arnold and her 10-year-old daughter. The others were badly injured.

The Holmes county Republican, on its local page says: "Last year one bushel of wheat would buy two bushels of potatoes. Now one bushel of potatoes pays for one bushel of wheat."

Is this owing to the Republican tariff? asks the Wayne County Democrat.

V. H. KETCHAM, Jr., son of the late millionaire banker, who has an income of \$50,000 a year from his father's estate, has organized a female minstrel company, to the great disgust and indignation of his friends, who think that the young man's mind has lost its balance.

The cotton mill established in Charleston, S. C., five years ago, at a cost of \$750,000 is said to be on the verge of bankruptcy. The stockholders are discussing the question of putting in more money, and trying the experiment of running it with cheap negro labor.

The New York State Temperance Association, met at Syracuse last week, when several addresses were delivered and letters and dispatches read from prominent Republicans in sympathy with the movement.

JOHN SHERMAN is endeavoring to devise some scheme to compel the Southern negroes to vote. But if they are obstinate and will not vote, he then wants to count their votes anyhow, for the Republican party! A nice arrangement, truly.

A NEGRO named Charles Douglass was murdered at Crestline, Ohio, on Sunday evening by a mulatto named George, who made his escape. A gash was made in Douglass' forehead six inches long, with a knife, causing almost instant death.

EIGHTEEN of the thirty-eight saloon-keepers in Canton, who had been selling whisky on beer license, walked up to the Auditor's office the other day and paid \$250 apiece, making the county treasury \$4,500 better off than it was before.

GROVER CLEVELAND's administration has reclaimed 30,000,000 acres of land given to corporate monopolies by his Republican predecessors, which is now placed on the books subject to settlement by the people, whose inheritance it is.

SENATOR SHERMAN has introduced legislation providing for the construction of public buildings at Zanesville, Akron, Portsmouth and Youngstown. John's Republican enemies charge that this is a movement to make himself "solid" in Ohio.

MONROE missionaries are at work in Fayette county, this State, endeavoring to make proselytes; and the people down there are so indignant about it that they threaten to treat the impostors to a coat of tar and feathers.

The real estate, machinery, material and stock of Harper's iron works in New York City, were sold on Saturday to H. A. Schriver for \$109,550. This property belonged to E. L. Harper, who would up the Fidelity Bank.

The municipal election in Charleston, S. C., resulted in a complete victory for the regular Democratic ticket, notwithstanding there was some dissension and bolting. Many colored men voted the regular Democratic ticket.

The Cincinnati Times-Star pronounces Keely, the "Motor" man, the monumental fraud of the 19th century, and is surprised that his victims do not "run a three-lined pitchfork into his bowels." That's plain talk.

The Toledo Asylum for the Insane has been completed and is now ready for occupancy. About 400 of the 900 patients in the Central Asylum at Columbus will be removed to Toledo immediately.

The Michigan Republicans are trying to make a combination between Blaine of Maine and Gen. Anger of the Wolverine State, for President and Vice President. Messrs. Sherman and Foraker, do you hear that?

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND in his message said: "The reduction of taxation should be so measured as not to necessitate or justify the loss of employment by the workingman or the lessening of his wages."

The European situation is becoming more strained. While Austria, Russia and Germany declare themselves desirous of peace, they agree that they should prepare for war, and are doing so.

Word comes from Washington that Col. Dick Parsons, late Bank Examiner of Ohio, will be appointed Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States, a position at present held by John G. Nicolay, Mr. Lincoln's biographer.

WONG AN HUNG, a bad Chinaman at San Francisco, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the California Penitentiary for bringing over Chinese women for immoral purposes.

The St. John, Canada Globe, edited by Hon. John Ellis, member of Parliament, openly advocates the annexation of Canada to the United States. This has raised a breeze among the Canucks.

The people of New York are surprised at the swift justice that is meted out to bank robbers in Cincinnati. It would have taken a year or two in New York to convict a man like Harper.

The New York Commercial Advertiser (Rep.) goes back on Blaine in this fashion: "The question is a perfectly simple one. Shall we readjust our tax laws so as to cheapen whisky, beer and tobacco to those of the people who use these articles, or shall we, instead, so readjust them as to cheapen the necessities of life to all people? Is it better to make whisky cheap or to cheapen those necessary things that everybody uses every day? That is all there is of the issue which those who seek to make a party question of the President's recommendations would present to the country."

Hon. ARTHUR O'CONNOR and Sir Arthur Henry Gratton Emond, the distinguished members of Parliament now in this country, had a grand reception in Washington on the 14th. Senators Sherman, Ingalls and Hawley and other gentlemen, delivered speeches, expressing sympathy with the cause of Home Rule in Ireland. The affair seems to have been managed entirely by a little Republican coterie in Washington, to give prominence to some of the leaders of their own party, to the exclusion of prominent Democrats.

The Cleveland Leader (Rep.) had a very silly article the other day about shirts being sold at 80 cents a piece, as evidence of the benefits of a "protective tariff." The Leader, however, took good care to say nothing about the quality of the shirts, nor did it mention the fact that the poor woman who stitched the cheap garments together received the reward of ten cents for her labor. It was the Leader that once made the discovery that a poor man could make a meal on a five cent bone soup.

Rev. R. H. WALLACE, pastor of the Main street M. E. church at Chillicothe, who is a widower, is charged with being a gay deceiver—making love to no less than three of the lambs of his flock at the same time. The reverend gentleman denies the allegation, demands a trial, and declares that his visits were merely friendly calls, without any matrimonial intentions, and that female jealousy is at the bottom of the charges preferred against him.

HENRY S. IVES, who has been called the "young Napoleon of financiers," was arrested in New York the other day, at the instance of Julius Dexter, President of the Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Dayton railroad, charged with larceny in appropriating \$100,000 belonging to that company to his own use. Mr. Ives' sister furnished bail for his appearance in court. Later—IVES was discharged—no case could be made against him.

The Duke of Norfolk has gone to Rome, on a visit to the Vatican, as a special envoy from the Queen, for what purpose it is not stated; but the presumption is that the trip is not one of love and friendship for the Irish people. Some of the English papers say, however, that the Duke's mission is merely to convey a civil message from the Queen to the Pope, in response to the Pope's jubilee gift. This is not very probable.

THE State Grange, which met at Canton last week, took strong ground against the school-book monopoly. All right. But Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co. will send their smart lobbyists up to Columbus this winter, as they do every year, and with the help of over-represented wage-slave legislators, will prevent the passage of any bill intended to cheapen the enormous price of school-books.

DISPATCHES from the gold-mining regions of Georgia indicate a marked revival in gold-mining enterprises. A syndicate of English capitalists has just bought 2,000 acres of gold-mining property near Gainesville, and will construct a ten-mile canal and erect steam-mills. New Orleans capitalists have also purchased an extensive tract near Canton and will engage in gold mining on a large scale.

The London Times' story about Dr. Hamilton Williams, of Brooklyn, organizing a dynamic campaign in this country against England, as the successor of O'Connell's Republic with a capital of one million of dollars, is pronounced by the doctor a foolish fabrication. Michael Davitt, who is now in London, also denies the absurd story. These gentlemen certainly ought to know.

S. S. CHANDLER, formerly a lawyer and real estate broker, at Troy, N. Y., on Monday sought his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. S. Stone, his step-daughter, Julia Buckley, and himself, at his home in Ballston Spa. All are dead but his wife, and she is dying. He had a quarrel with his wife over money matters, who having money of her own which he wished to secure possession of.

A VERY destructive cyclone visited Armstrong Academy, Indian Territory, last morning, causing a great destruction of life and property. Five persons were killed and several badly injured. Many cattle and other stock were also killed by lightning. The storm only lasted about six minutes at any one point.

THE Mount Vernon Banner is thirty-four years old, and one of the ablest and most prosperous papers in the State. Col. L. Harper has been the proprietor and editor during this time.—*Toledo Herald*. Bless you, my boy, the BANNER is nearly fifty years old, and has several proprietors and editors before "Col." Harper came into possession of the paper.

The newspapers last week reported that the Crown Prince of Germany had a relapse, which his physicians pronounced of an alarming character. Dr. Mackenzie was immediately sent for, who, after making a careful examination of the Prince's throat, declared that he found no dangerous symptoms. This only goes to show that "doctors differ."

By yelling "rebel," "rebel," "rebel," at Mr. Lamar, the Republicans imagine that they will prevent his confirmation as a Justice of the Supreme Court. If Longstreet, Mosby or Billy Mahone were nominated for the post, the Republicans would have regarded the President as the personification of wisdom and patriotism.

The steamboat A. G. Henry, during a blinding rainstorm, on Friday night, struck a big log in the Tennessee river, at Gillespie's bar, ninety-five miles above Chattanooga, and was split from stem to stern, causing her to fall into two pieces and sink. There were twenty-five passengers on board, all of whom were saved.

The Philadelphia Press made a canvass of the members of the New York Convention as to their presidential preferences, interviewing 67 delegates from 24 States. It found 37 for Blaine, 10 for Sherman and the rest scattering. "Blaine and no one else," was a very common expression. By all means let us have Blaine.

Educators on the President's Message.  
The New York World addressed letters to the Presidents of various American Colleges—the men who are supposed to be thoroughly familiar with political economy—for the purpose of ascertaining their views in regard to the President's Message. The responses have generally been favorable. We make a few extracts:

Charles W. Elliott, President of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., writes: "I find President Cleveland's views on tariff revision and the reduction of the surplus sound economically, sagaciously politically and thoroughly practical."

E. N. Patton, President of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., writes: "As a teacher and student of social questions I value greatly the educating power of a message presenting one clear, urgent issue tending to the earnest discussion of economic questions in every city and hamlet and home, as well as the political parties and the press of our country."

F. P. Bernard, President of Columbia College, New York, says: "The message is a statesmanlike document, which is destined to stand as a conspicuous landmark in our political history. I know not whether to admire the profound wisdom of its views or the compact logic with which they are enforced."

J. M. McBride, President of the University of South Carolina, at Columbia, writes: "It has struck the true keynote of practical tariff reform, and will command the hearty approval of the great majority of the people of this State."

J. S. Landan, President of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., writes a long letter, saying among other things: "The President's criticisms of the elements of the protective system strike me as just; hence reform, not repeal, is the proper end to attain. Prune the tree, not cut it down." \* \* \* The President is right in saying the subject should be dealt with in a purely business way. I have great respect for his good sense and good intentions."

Prof. C. Caldwell, of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., is brief, but impressive: "I heartily endorse those views and recommendations." President John Bascom, of Williams College, Mass., says of the President's views: "I think them exceedingly sound and timely. I hope, somewhat against hope, that Congress will approach this urgent question with equal earnestness."

We may add, that two or three Presidents and Professors, whose opinions were asked, antagonized the sentiments of the Message.

The Foraker Presidential Movement.  
Foraker's friends are said to be at work endeavoring to bring about a Foraker Presidential movement in the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic. This organization was started for the purpose of perpetuating the associations and friendships formed during the late civil war, and not for political purposes, hence, Democrats as well as Republicans became members. But it seems that the Republic politicians of the country, who would turn the Christian Church into a political machine, if it could serve their political ends, have been endeavoring to convert the G. A. R. into a political organization, to be used to advance the interests of ambitious Republican leaders like Joseph Benson Foraker.

Democratic soldiers who have been deceived as to the plans and purposes of the G. A. R. will now get their eyes open, as they did when the old whig party was abandoned, and the "American" or "Know Nothing" party was organized to take its place. The leaders of the G. A. R., such as Private Datzell, have been endeavoring to lead it into a political organization, intended to build up the Republican party, and then like the "Private" are at the bottom of this Foraker movement. John Sherman will discover the truth of this statement before it is a much older man. Foraker will secretly follow the delegates from Ohio, while the delegates from other States will be deceived by the "Private" who will be betrayed in the house of his pretended friends.

They All Want "Protection."  
A dispatch from Salt Lake announces that the Chamber of Commerce of that city "have adopted a strong protest against the reduction of the tariff on lead and lead ores." That's the way it goes. The cotton and sugar producers of the South, the iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania and Alabama, the woolen manufacturers of New England, and the whisky distillers of Kentucky, will all join in the demand for "protection."

Of course no one at present can tell what changes will be made in the tariff, but it is not proposed to adopt any measure that will prove detrimental to the producing and industrial interests of the country. All that President Cleveland seeks to bring about is such legislation as will reduce the present war tariff, which takes over one hundred millions of dollars every year from the pockets of the tax-payers to be piled away idle in the national treasury.

It is to be expected that the monopolistic interests of the country will oppose any change that will lessen their enormous profits; but Congress should legislate for the benefit of the whole country, and not the privileged classes. All parties have demanded this, and it is about time that the question was fairly and squarely taken in a true American and not a partisan spirit, so that the country will have rest and enjoy a season of genuine prosperity.

It has transpired that the so-called "Blaine interview" in Paris, which first appeared in the New York Tribune, was not an interview at all, but a regular political manifesto, carefully prepared by Mr. Blaine's own hand, and called to be used at his own discretion. Phelps interpolated some sentiments and paragraphs, which he thought would "improve" the original, and this was so offensive to Frank Hiscock, that he accused Phelps of "treason" and threatened to leave Phelps in a true American and not a partisan spirit, so that the country will have rest and enjoy a season of genuine prosperity.

Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury under Lincoln and Arthur, endorses President Cleveland's tariff message. The truth is, the thinking men of the Republican party, and not some professional politicians or connected with some mammoth monopolies, in dorse the message as a sound and patriotic document.

And still another Irish editor, John Hooper, of the Cork Herald, and a member of Parliament, has been sentenced to two months imprisonment, for publishing in his paper reports of League meetings. This shameful persecution has about run its course.

A MECHANIC while stealing a ride over the Missouri river, at Onalaska, on a locomotive cowcatcher was robbed and thrown down by a party of two thugs who accompanied him.

The Kilrain-Smith Fistic Battle.  
The greatest pugilistic battle of the age took place on Monday afternoon, between Jim Smith, the Englishman, and Jake Kilrain, the American, on the island of St. Pierre on the River Seine, in France. One hundred and six terrific rounds were fought, and the battle lasted until one o'clock, and it became too dark to continue the contest. Although at the beginning the betting was three to one in favor of Smith, yet the tide soon turned, and Kilrain became the favorite. The men were well matched, but Kilrain appeared to have the greatest strength and agility, and had the best of the contest from the beginning to the close, and would not have been so easily killed, and a boy seriously injured.

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MURRAY HALSTEAD, of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, has become a fierce advocate of Blaine's nomination for President in 1888, and is now in New York "setting the pins" to bring it about. He imagines that Blaine will secure the "solid" Irish Catholic vote, because of his supposed hostility to England. On the other hand, John Russell Smith, the "truly good" partner of Halstead, is for Sherman for President, and claims that he is sure of the "solid" German vote. This is another case of a house divided against itself, and a crash may be looked for at any time.

The Republicans enfranchised the negroes of the South expecting them to vote a "straight" Republican ticket, "without a why or wherefore." But since the colored people see proper to exercise a freeman's right, and vote as their judgment and conscience dictate, these Republicans now seek to deprive them of the elective franchise entirely by reducing the basis of representation in the South. This only goes to prove that the Republicans have no use for their colored brother unless he votes as their slave and votes as they dictate.

MR. MURRAY HALSTEAD, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, the Republican organ of the State says: "The plain case is, that so far as Cleveland goes in trying the reduction of the tariff, and the reviving of the tariff with that view, the country goes with him."

You are right there, Mr. Halstead; and yet, although "the country goes with" the President, some foolish Republican editors raise the contumacious cry of "free trade" against the President, but not a sentence can be found in the message that can be perverted into advocacy of free trade.

CAIN OF OLD OUTDORE.  
Two Brothers Butcher a Third and Dance in His Blood.

EUPHRAIA, Ala., December 16.—Two sons of Bradley Johnson, ex-sheriff of this county, Robert and James, got drunk on Thursday, and in cold blood butchered an older brother named Charles aged seven years. The murderers are aged eighteen and twenty respectively. Their father, when he went to his murdered son's rescue, was made by the two younger sons to kneel on the floor and beg for mercy. Their old mother came into the room and tried to comfort them. She was knocked on the head by the sons and horribly punished. Their brother-in-law and another brother, Ben, also drunk, were made to leave the house. When the murders found their brother was dead, one whistled and the other uttered in his hand. The surrounding country is greatly excited and the latest news is that lynching is almost certain. The victim was asleep when his brothers began their murderous work.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS ON THE B. & O.  
The B. & O. Railroad Company will on December 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 1887, and January 1st and 2nd, 1888, sell round trip tickets at One Fare for the round trip, from all stations to all stations on the Trans-Ohio Divisions, and on the Columbus & Cincinnati Midland Railroad, including Chicago, Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Tickets will be good returning until January 31, 1888, inclusive.

National Glycerin Cutting System.  
Mr. W. N. Dunlap is in the city representing the above system and may be found at the boarding house of Mrs. McCombs, No. 14 Main street. Parties desiring profitable employment should investigate this matter at once and secure an agency. Charges are being organized for instructions in the method.

Ask Your Grocer  
For a bottle of Ward's Tomato Catsup—only 10 cents.

The Passenger coaches on the New York Central Railroad are now heated by steam, and the apparatus works to the entire satisfaction of the company and the traveling public.

A COMPANY has been formed in St. Louis to furnish that city with gas at 20 cents per thousand feet. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000, over \$500,000 has been subscribed.

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MURRAY HALSTEAD, of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, has become a fierce advocate of Blaine's nomination for President in 1888, and is now in New York "setting the pins" to bring it about. He imagines that Blaine will secure the "solid" Irish Catholic vote, because of his supposed hostility to England. On the other hand, John Russell Smith, the "truly good" partner of Halstead, is for Sherman for President, and claims that he is sure of the "solid" German vote. This is another case of a house divided against itself, and a crash may be looked for at any time.

The Republicans enfranchised the negroes of the South expecting them to vote a "straight" Republican ticket, "without a why or wherefore." But since the colored people see proper to exercise a freeman's right, and vote as their judgment and conscience dictate, these Republicans now seek to deprive them of the elective franchise entirely by reducing the basis of representation in the South. This only goes to prove that the Republicans have no use for their colored brother unless he votes as their slave and votes as they dictate.

MR. MURRAY HALSTEAD, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, the Republican organ of the State says: "The plain case is, that so far as Cleveland goes in trying the reduction of the tariff, and the reviving of the tariff with that view, the country goes with him."

You are right there, Mr. Halstead; and yet, although "the country goes with" the President, some foolish Republican editors raise the contumacious cry of "free trade" against the President, but not a sentence can be found in the message that can be perverted into advocacy of free trade.

CAIN OF OLD OUTDORE.  
Two Brothers Butcher a Third and Dance in His Blood.

EUPHRAIA, Ala., December 16.—Two sons of Bradley Johnson, ex-sheriff of this county, Robert and James, got drunk on Thursday, and in cold blood butchered an older brother named Charles aged seven years. The murderers are aged eighteen and twenty respectively. Their father, when he went to his murdered son's rescue, was made by the two younger sons to kneel on the floor and beg for mercy. Their old mother came into the room and tried to comfort them. She was knocked on the head by the sons and horribly punished. Their brother-in-law and another







# The Banner.

## ALL SORTS.

A Newburg, Ill., firm is building 100 lawn mowers to fill an order from India. Six stock farms and twenty dairy farms in Illinois are owned by women.

The keeping of young alligators as household pets is described as "crude."

A Rochester confectioner has ordered eleven tons of fine candies for his holiday trade.

An Indiana syndicate has decided to erect several bath houses at Knox, Ind.

Prof. T. W. Woolsey has returned to Yale after spending two years in Southern California.

Mrs. Crobar is a member of a Saginaw (Mich.) church, of which Rev. Mr. Broad is pastor.

James Judge, of Kenosha, Wis., altho' totally blind, is one of the most skilled plumbers of the town.

A facious diving got so many Christmas slippers that he said: "Do ladies think me a centipede?"

Michigan is entirely free from State debt and has a surplus of \$374,788 derived from direct taxation.

Dr. Francis Wayland, Dean of the Yale law school, has been elected a Fellow of Brown University.

They have discovered a spring near Holland, Mich., that will cause hair to sprout upon the balded head.

Druggists are now grumbling about adulterated cocaine. The cheaper grades are making a bad name for the drug.

The late Moses Hunt, of Charleston, Mass., has bequeathed \$55,000 to various charitable institutions in New England.

For thirty-two years Mrs. Catherine Murdock has kept the light in the Rondout, (N. Y.) light-house burning brightly.

A Parisian has invented a ventilating apparatus to carry off the disease germs from the chamber of a sick patient.

Natives near Asheville, N. C., get \$1.75 a pound for ginseng root which they dig in the woods for exportation to China.

A Hartford coin collector has a cent piece of the United States coinage of 1790, which is considered to be worth nearly \$500.

Thomas F. Hoar and Mary Wilson were arrested in Boston charged with the murder of Mary Williams in Wilson's house.

The Garibaldi memoirs, to be issued next month in Italian, are declared to be genuine. They extended to the year of 1874.

Robert Schroeder, who has 500 acres in Franklin county, N. Y., devoted to hop culture, is the leading hop-grower in the world.

A train of twenty-four cars, laden entirely with eggs to the number of 31,000, left St. Roch, Ont., for New York the other day.

Hon. George V. N. Lothrop, United States Minister to St. Petersburg, has just bought a \$10,000 farm near Hastings, Michigan.

The Belcher Sugar Refinery, of St. Louis, Mo., which has been closed four months, will start up next Tuesday with 350 hands.

Jay Gould has not yet interviewed any of the monarchs of Europe, but Mr. Vanderbilt has been visiting the Sultan of Turkey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Colby of Bingham, Me., enjoys the distinction of being the only woman in this country licensed to solemnize marriages.

A Boveny monasteries advertise as one of its leading attractions a man whose flesh has been slowly turning to bone during the past 30 years.

The 16th anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Norwalk, Conn., will be celebrated Christmas Eve.

A Philadelphia hunter went over into New Jersey rabbit shooting, got one out of its lair, and was arrested for gunning without license and fined \$50.

William Young, of Matineus Island, Maine, didn't know his gun was loaded, but it went off and fatally injured his brother-in-law, Geo. C. Hunt.

Richard Storms Willis has been elected a Commissioner of the Detroit Public Library. He is a brother of the late N. P. Willis and "Fanny Fern."

In North Dakota the majority of votes cast in the election for electors of the division is exactly 10,000; in South Dakota the majority for division is 13,938.

We have heard many of our old friends say that Salvation Oil cured them of rheumatism. Those who have not tried it, should do so. Our druggists sell it for twenty-five cents a bottle.

Chas. King, of Middleton, Mass., claims to have 500 descendants. He is 107 years of age, and says he was attended to twice during his life by doctors.

The police of Ashtabula, Pa., are looking for a Pole named Andrew Mack, who is charged with beating a complot, Michael Gunechak, to death.

The Detroit Journal says that there are men in Michigan so mean and despicable that their souls would rather wander about in a hell than in a base drud.

Robert G. Richardson, of Bottford, Vt., has just sold his farm and moved, which makes the thirtieth time that he has done the same thing the last thirty-five years.

The reservoir from which Elizabeth, New Jersey, is supplied with water is extensively used by boys as a handy place for swimming matches between their dogs.

Hodge Burnett, a prosperous young farmer of Richland county, S. C., went into the woods and cut his throat with a razor. His wife's death had unbalanced his mind.

There are now in use on American railroads 26,415 locomotives, 19,252 passenger coaches, 6,325 baggage cars, 845,914 freight cars. Their value is estimated at \$100,000,000.

The Astors pay \$4,000 a year for a special guard of their houses, which, although containing tempting riches, have never been looted or entered by persons with burglarious intent.

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## TRIPLES LIGHT AS AIR.

Only a little "s" divides the speculator and the peccator.

London mobs went to set on the season, but the police would let them.

A circus show can pull more sick boys and girls out of bed than all the doctors in town.

There is one thing that is always in advance of the public demand and that is the price of coal.

Well, Robert Bonner could afford to retire. He had a handsome balance on the right side of the ledger.

A good many modern ladies who can't bear to do any housework can bear up enough to attend a ball.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood, which Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes, and thus cures rheumatism.

When you have to pay \$1 an hour for a one-horse sleigh it is easy to understand what is meant by a revenue cutter.

Mrs. Jones—Don't trouble to see me to the door, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith—No trouble. Quite a pleasure, I assure you.

Keep your blood pure and you will not have rheumatism. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, and tones the whole system.

The man who undertook to read the latest census through has concluded to wait for the revised edition of 1890 and take a new start.

When a man sees a foot ball match for the first time he thinks it is two halves of a ball having their inning with the umpire.

Statistics prove that there are fewer lovers' quarrels at this season of the year than at any other time. After December 25th all will be different.

"Pison Beer" is a sign inside the window of a Milwaukee saloon. A window bar, fortunately, cut off the "P" and keeps many from entering.

Teacher—Class in definitions, attention. Class—Yes, Teacher. Define the word bombast. Bright pupil—Announces talkin' about bombs.

Miss Goldsby—How does my new gown strike you papa? For about two hundred and fifty, I suppose, my dear.

It is curious that the man who is always complaining about the small amount of his earnings is just the one to demand more leisure time to spend them in.

It is said that the rain falls alike on the just and unjust. In the case where the unjust has appropriated the umbrella belonging to the just this does not hold.

One way to tell whether or not an egg is good is to throw it at an Anarchist. You can judge the quality of the egg by the quality of the Anarchist's remarks.

"Does it pay to be good?" asks an exchange. All we know about it is that a minister only gets \$2 for marrying a couple, while a lawyer gets \$200 for marrying them.

Before you call attention to the fact that a pig has no use for his tail please remember that you have two buttons on the lower back of your coat that don't button anything.

It takes longer for a man to find out more than any other creature made, says a philosopher. No, no, my friend, it takes longer for a man to find out a woman.

"I never think of autumn without feeling to sigh," he said, as they passed the Grand Circus Park. "Nor I," answered the other. "State and county taxes come due in the fall."

A toilet luxury in every respect, Ayer's Hair Vigor never fails to restore the youthful freshness and color to gray and faded hair. It also eradicates dandruff and prevents the hair from falling.

Mrs. Blossom—What's that? Oh, horror! The Red Alert! "No, no, no, come on, we've no time to lose." "Good evening! I'm glad you've got off your hair dress into something decent."

Wife—"A box came to-day, John, addressed to 'John.' Husband—"Did you open it?" Wife—"No." Husband—"Well, I wish you had." It may be one of those dinged internal machines.

Every once in a long while some conscience-stricken individual returns to the government \$25 which he stole from it three years ago. The \$5,000 which he stole last year he keeps as a reward for his honesty.

After the dinner given to Mr. Boswell Smith, Mr. Frank R. Stockton remarked carelessly: "We were seven hours at the table." Now three meals a day at that rate would be all that any man ought to expect.

An old friend to a widow yet in tears: "I presumed by their physicians as curable and beyond all hope—suffering with that dreaded monster Consumption—have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy that cures all throat and lung diseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, and all the troubles of the throat and lungs."

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## INTERESTING VARIETY.

Prof. Wiggins has ventured his farewell prediction for a few years to come. He says there will not be a recurrence in North America of the disastrous earthquake of the southern states and Central America before 1900. He fears seismic disturbances in Europe and the east.

Two gentlemen in Carlisle, Pa., recently became heated in a political argument and backed their opinions by putting on considerable money. The cash was given to a stranger to hold, but they forgot to hold the stranger and the latter seems to be the only person to profit by the hot contest.

While a number of Indians were taking a ride on the platform of a mail car near Pocatello, Utah, recently the trainmen noticed that one of the redskins was shunned by all the others. The grimmest of distrust bestowed upon the ostracized member of the party led to a revelation, which revealed that the lonely one was a tramp, disguised as an Indian in order to get free transportation.

A man in Philadelphia named Rheinholt drank a digitalis whisky cocktail in rapid succession the other day, and soon thereafter closed his earthly account. This should be a warning to those who persist in taking "sugar in their." A jury of plain drinkers would certainly find that it was the sweetening that destroyed Rheinholt.

The Chicago Anarchists are distributing among the workmen of that city a circular headed "Fight." The signifier in the body of the circular is the same old signifier, but the motto, which follows, is rather unique:

Rule us, defeat us, we will be different. To be equal we aspire, we will win or we'll expire.

A man who has just been released from the Nebraska state prison, where he has served a term, has sued the lawyer who defended him in the trial that resulted in his conviction. The convict claims that the conviction was the result of the lawyer's malpractice, and that he would have been acquitted if he had been properly defended.

If Edison perfects his phonograph the music of the coming generation won't dare to go courting Sunday night for fear that one of the instruments may be concealed in the parlor. It would be a terrible discovery.

The Wesley chapel of the Methodist Episcopal church, which was recently burned down as a result of incendiary work in Chattanooga, Tenn., was an old landmark of the city. It was erected in 1840 at the corner of the river on the site of a cotton gin, where it was located on the site on which it burned. During the late war it was used for an arsenal and prison.

At the wedding of Governor Alger's daughter in Detroit, Wednesday evening, the young people were married at the bedside of Mrs. Alger, who was too ill to leave her room, and when they went down to the parlor they were husband and wife. The guests had a good time, but they missed the marriage.

A Louisville man who had lost his last dollar in a bucket shop wrote a piteous letter to the proprietor, begging him to refund \$20, and promising if the money was received to have the wife and engage in honest labor. The money was sent and the next day the man's body was found in the river. He had lost the sum in another bucket shop, and driven to desperation, had taken his life.

At Calera, Ala., a citizen saw a hawk swoop down on a snake and attempt to fly away with it. As the hawk mounted upward, the snake curled itself around the bird and crushed one of its wings. Then the hawk and snake together fell to the ground and the Calera man killed them.

Dave Johnson and Darwin Sassinot, of the Grand Circus Park, N. C., had a grudge against Albin Satchel, a neighbor, and, arming themselves, they went out to meet him. Encountering him on the street, they drew a battle to the road and dared him to step over the line and was shot down in his tracks.

"Brethren," said the pastor of a Chicago church last Sunday, after waiting five minutes for late comers to take their seats before beginning his sermon, "there are three things this congregation needs: First, a spirit of deeper consecration to the cause of religion; second, more promptness in reaching the house of worship; third, a reliable and certain remedy for squeaking boots."

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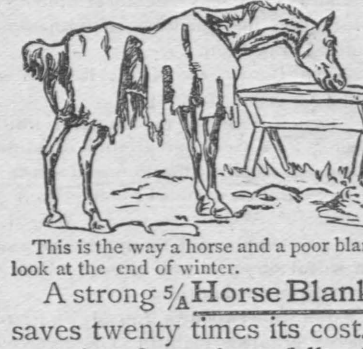
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This is the way a horse and a poor blanket look at the end of winter.

A strong 3/4 Horse Blanket saves twenty times its cost. Ask for the following 3/4 Horse Blankets; it will pay you to examine them. They retail from \$1.50 to \$3.50:

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- 3/4 Six Mile.
- 3/4 Little Giant.
- 3/4 Boss Stable.
- 3/4 F. Kersey.
- 3/4 A. Electric.
- 3/4 No. 306.

There are many other styles. If these don't suit you, ask to see them.



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